## SSP SPECIFIC HAZARD ATTACHMENT: SMALL BOATS

Activity	Safe Work Practice
Pre-boarding	□ Receive safety briefing from boat crew operators
	□ Receive emergency extrication briefing
	□ Know location of emergency equipment
	<ul> <li>Ensure operator knows how to contact emergency services</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure operator has good communications with coordinating vessels and shore units</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure communications schedule with parent unit is understood</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure distress signals are available for day and night operations (3 per shift)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure qualified operators are running the boats</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure appropriate number of CG-approved type I and Type II preservers</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Confirm location of safe seating from boat operator</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure portable fuel tanks are full prior to boarding</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Keep all sources of ignition away from fueling area</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure boat does not exceed safe load capacity (personnel plus equipment)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure proper footwear for maintaining adequate boat deck contact</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure equipment on boat is distributed evenly to ensure stability</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure at least two people are operating the boat</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure sun protection is available (sun glasses and sun screen)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure adequate food and water is available for the duration of the operation</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ensure presence of first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, and alternate means of propulsion</li> </ul>
	Ensure adequate fenders and mooring lines are available.
Boat Operations	□ Remain seated whenever possible – Keep low in the boat
	☐ Ensure boat is able to maintain direct contact visually or by radio
	□ Avoid anchoring the boat by the stern
Boat Mooring and Leaving	□ Keep hands and feet away form pinch points between boat and dock
	□ Stay clear of lines being used for mooring
	<ul> <li>Do not disembark with bulky or heavy equipment; get assistance</li> </ul>
	☐ If not assisting in the mooring operation, remain seated until lines are tied.
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